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Nebraska Supreme Court Affirms Death Sentences in Norfolk Bank Murders

(Lincoln, Neb) In a ruling today, the Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed five death sentences for Jorge Galindo. In 2004, Galindo was convicted of murdering five people during an attempted robbery of the U.S. Bank in Norfolk, Nebraska.

“The extreme level of violence and senseless loss of life in this case demands the ultimate punishment,” said Attorney General Jon Bruning. “Today the Court reaffirmed the death penalty still exists in Nebraska. With last year’s passage of LB 36, we now have a constitutional means to carry out these sentences.”

Galindo was one of three robbers who entered the U.S. Bank in Norfolk in 2002. Inside the bank, Galindo, Jose Sandoval and Eric Vela murdered four bank employees and one customer. A jury convicted Galindo on five counts of first-degree murder. Galindo was sentenced to death for each murder.

In Nebraska, every death sentence must be reviewed by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Galindo is the first of the Norfolk bank murderers to have his death sentences approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Court found no errors in Galindo's five sentences of death.

Assistant Attorney General Kimberly Klein is handling the case.

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